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SUBJECT: NEA PRESS BRIEFING PAPER TEXT

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF BRIEFING MATERIAL PREPARED FOR USE MAY 30 IF NUCLEAR TEST/AID ISSUES RAISED. BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION: DID THE US OPPOSE THE \$160 MILLION IDA LOAN APPROVED BY THE WORLD BANK? ANSWER - NO. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORTED THE IDA LOAN WHEN THE LOAN WAS CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE WORLD BANK EARLIER THIS WEEK.

QUESTION: DID THE U.S. RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THE LOAN IN THE LIGHT OF INDIA'S RECENT NUCLEAR TEST? ANSWER - (ONLY IF PRESSED.) AFTER VOICING HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF THE LOAN THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) THE GREAT BULK OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UP-TO-DATE, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF POWER PLANTS ESSENTIAL TO ITS ENERGY NEEDS.

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(B) THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION RAISES THE QUESTION OF INDIA'S

ECONOMIC PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

(C) ALL AID GIVERS WILL WISH CAREFULLY TO EXAMINE THE EXPLOSION'S IMPLICATION.

QUESTION: AS ONE OF THOSE AID GIVERS, IS THE U.S. REVIEWING ITS AID POLICY TO INDIA AND WHEN WILL THAT REVIEW END?

ANSWER: WE ARE EXAMINING THE FULL RANGE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INDIAN TEST, AS STATED THE OTHER DAY. AFTER ALL,

INDIA IS ONLY THE 6TH COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO HAVE EXPLODED AN ATOMIC DEVICE. THAT FULL REVIEW IS CONTINUING.

QUESTION: BUT IS AID UNDER REVIEW?

ANSWER: WITH REGARD TO AID, THE SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED. SOME TIME AGO WE OFFERED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE NEW AID WITH INDIA, AS PART OF OUR INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN DELHI ON THIS, BUT THE INDIANS HAVE NOT YET ASKED FOR FORMAL TALKS. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE.

QUESTION: BUT IS THE U.S. INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA UNCHANGED?

ANSWER: I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID.
END TEXT.

2. PRESS SPOKEMAN DID NOT DRAW ON ABOVE MATERIAL SINCE ISSUE NOT RAISED BY PRESS AT MAY 30 NOON BRIEFING. MATERIAL WAS USED, HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY BY REUTERS.

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